

Application Number **09/781,605**
 Amendment dated **8 June 2006**
 Reply to Office Action of **8 December 2005**

Remarks

New Claims 20–43 have been added, and Claims 1–19 have been cancelled.

Interview Summary.

Applicants thank the Examiner for conducting personal interviews for this Application on 6 December 2005 and 28 March 2006. Applicants have not yet received an Interview Summary from the Examiner for the 28 March 2006 interview. The following summarizes the substance of the interviews, in accordance with the guidelines provided by MPEP 713.04.

- (A) No exhibits were shown. A demonstration of Applicants' electronic patient information system was conducted.
- (B) Claims 1, 3–6, 9–16, 18 and 19 were discussed.
- (C) The teachings of U.S. Patent 6,272,470 ("Teshima"), U.S. Patent 6,397,224 ("Zubeldia"), U.S. Patent 6,149,440 ("Clark"), and U.S. Patent 6,415,295 ("Feinberg") were discussed.
- (D) Applicants proposed submitting new claims, certain of which are set forth herein in the "Amendments to the Claims".
- (E) Applicants explained why the proposed new claims were patentable over the cited references.
- (F) No other pertinent matters were discussed.
- (G) Applicants and Examiner agreed that Applicants would submit new claims in this application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Teshima, Zubeldia and Clark.

Claims 1, 3–6 and 9–12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Teshima, Zubeldia and Clark. Claims 1, 3–6 and 9–12 have been cancelled, and therefore Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

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Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Teshima and Feinberg.

Claims 13-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Teshima Feinberg. Claims 13-19 have been cancelled, and therefore Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

New Claims 20-43.

In accordance with the discussions during the 6 December 2005 and 28 March 2006 personal interviews, Applicants have added new Claims 20-43 in this reply. New Claims 20-43 are fully supported by the originally filed application disclosure. Claims 20, 29 and 39 are independent. As discussed during the 28 March 2006 interview, the combination of elements recited in new independent Claims 20, 29 and 39 are not taught by the references of record, whether taken individually or in combination. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that new independent Claims 20, 29 and 39 are allowable. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that new dependent Claims 21-28, 30-38 and 40-43 added in this reply are allowable for at least the same reasons that the corresponding independent claims are allowable, in addition to reciting additional novel and nonobvious features.

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Conclusion.


Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Furthermore, any remarks in support of patentability of one claim should not be imputed to any other claim, even if similar terminology is used. Applicants respectfully traverse each of the Examiner's rejections and each of the Examiner's assertions regarding what the prior art shows or teaches, even if not expressly discussed herein. Although changes to the claims have been made, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby; such changes are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application and are without prejudice to the presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims relating to the same or similar subject matter. If some issue remains that the Examiner feels can be addressed by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

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